

AGENDA



Thursday, May 8, 2008

Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 33

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-4-64 (D) of the City Code to establish a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour on certain streets within the Lakewood Club Neighborhood area bounded by Lakemoore Drive, Lemonwood Drive, Lakewood Drive, and North Cat Mountain (proper).

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$1,100 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department for the installation of necessary signs.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 allows a city to set a speed limit lower than 30 miles per hour, but not less than 25 miles per hour, on a highway if:

- the highway is not an officially designated or marked highway or road in the state highway system;
- the highway is 35 feet or less in width;
- vehicular parking is not prohibited on one or both sides of the street;
- the highway has less than four lanes used for vehicular travel, and
- the Council finds that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe.

The City of Austin Public Works Department recommends the 25 mile per hour speed limit for certain streets in the area bounded by Lakemoore Drive, Lemonwood Drive, Lakewood Drive, and North Cat Mountain (proper). The lower speed limit will reduce the potential for vehicle-pedestrian accidents. All of the streets within the area are eligible for a 25-mile per hour speed limit. The ordinance includes a finding that the previous prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe, in accordance with the statute.

Staff recommends that Section 12-4-64 (D) be amended to add the following streets to the list of streets with a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

Lakewood Club Neighborhood
 Blueridge Court from Sprucewood Drive to the end of Blueridge Court.
 Brownwood Court from Driftwood Drive to the end of Brownwood Court.
 Driftwood Drive from Lakewood Drive to the end of Driftwood Drive.
 Lakemoore Drive from Lakewood Drive to Laurel Wood Drive.
 Lakewood Drive from RM 2222 to Loop 360 (Capital of Texas Highway) (North).
 Laurel Wood Drive from Driftwood Drive to the end of Laurel Wood Drive.
 Lemonwood Drive from Sprucewood Drive to Backtrail Drive.
 Marblewood Drive from Driftwood Drive to Lakemoore Drive.
 Sprucewood Drive from Driftwood Drive to Cedro Trail.